Introducing

NETWORK SCHEDULER® II WINDOWS

The Time Traveler™

Time travel is now better than ever before!

Network Scheduler II introduces its newest arrival NSII Windows 3.0 Interface. Not only will NSII continue to speed you forward and backward in time, it now enables the window user to share the same DOS database of NSII to easily organize, manage and communicate individual and group schedules.

Total flexibility in the windows environment allows the user to view multiple calendars at the same time! Plan your future, check notes from the past…with multiple calendars open at the same time, select the day cell of your choice to immediately view and schedule times, notes, places and purposes of meetings.

❑ **VIEW AND MANAGE MULTIPLE CALENDARS**
  • UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR AND OTHERS
  • MANAGE MULTIPLE MONTHS SIMULTANEOUSLY

❑ **MAKE APPOINTMENTS, NOTES AND MEETINGS**
  • CUT AND PASTE FEATURE
  • CONFIRM/DECLINE/CHANGE PROPOSED MEETINGS

❑ **COMMUNICATE ACROSS NETWORKS**
  • TRUE LAN BASED SHARED CALENDAR

❑ **PRINT**
  • APPOINTMENT BOOKS AND CALENDARS
  • SUPPORTS POSTSCRIPTS & OTHER GRAPHICAL DEVICES

❑ **WORK WITH EXISTING E-MAILS**

❑ **PEER TO PEER SECURITY**

Network Scheduler II and your Windows 3.0 Interface will help you and your organization reduce the cost of meeting planning by providing a standard platform from which all calendars and schedules are managed and shared.

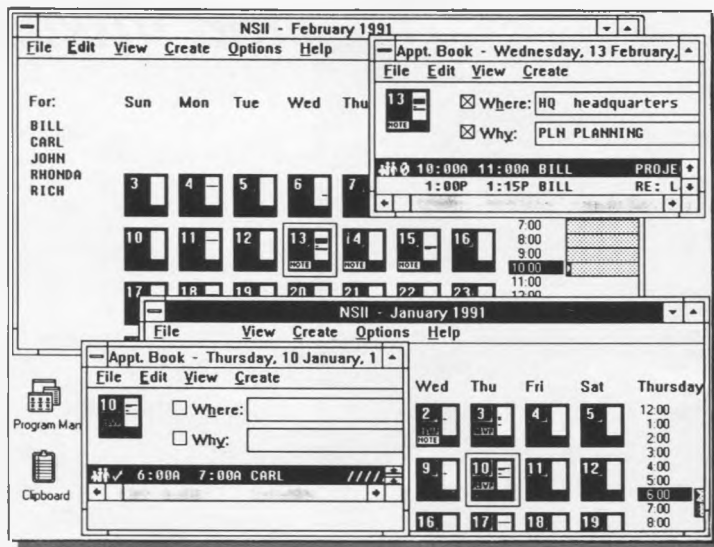*For a free 'Time Traveling' NSII Demo and more information about NSII Windows 3.0 Interface, call 800-237-4754.*
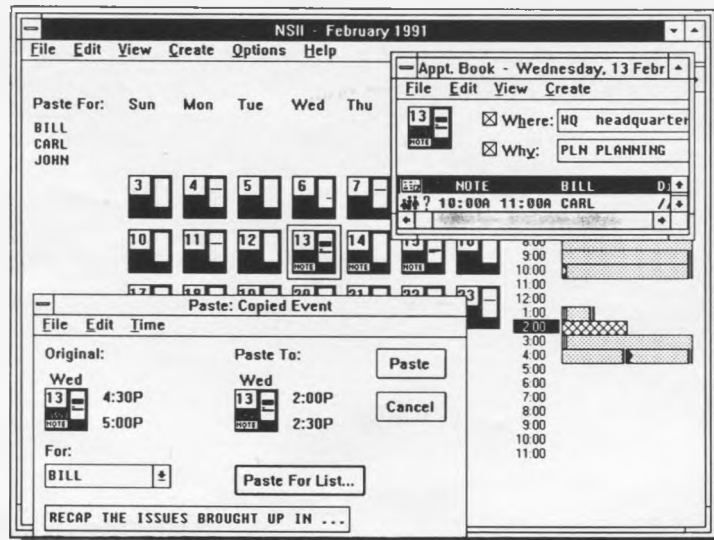
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NETWORK SCHEDULER® II
WINDOWS 3.0 INTERFACE

Glance at Your Meetings for the Month or Several Months

With the Windows platform multiple months are available for display at the same time on the desktop.

Schedule Meetings Efficiently

By taking advantage of the Windows clipboard feature, the scheduling of an event can be displayed so the effect it will have on the existing schedule will be seen before the event is actually set.

System Requirements

- ❏ EGA, VGA or higher
- ❏ MS-DOS ver. 3.1 or later
- ❏ Windows 3.0 or later
- ❏ IBM PC/XT/AT, PS/2 or compatible workstation
- ❏ NETWORK SCHEDULER II ver. 1.5 or later

• Each user can customize the Day Cell colors on their calendar through the Options Customization menu.

• Windows clipboard support allows you to paste part of an event or an entire event to the clipboard and then send to other applications.

• LANs with both DOS workstations and Windows workstations can share the same calendar database to communicate.

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Powercore Offers Advanced Network Scheduling Program

Network Scheduler II is designed for many users

BY EDWARD LIEBING

Powercore's Network Scheduler II version 1.5 is a calendar and scheduling program with a network twist. Since networks are rapidly growing, Powercore has taken the time to make this product address large numbers of users. Network Scheduler II also comes with a Windows version for Microsoft Windows 3.0.

Where other scheduling/calendaring products have moved into the workgroup arena by adding phone-calculator-E-Mail-chatting utilities, Powercore decided to

> *Powercore worked with products that are already available.*

develop a sophisticated calendar and scheduling product that allows users to keep their own productivity tools in place. Powercore's philosophy was to work with products already available rather than recreate them. To demonstrate this, Network Scheduler II works with all the popular LANs and many E-Mail applications. Unlike groupware, Network Scheduler II uses resources and people equally well.

FEATURES. Network Scheduler II does a number of things for a network, but the two main features are its calendaring/appointment setting and scheduling capabilities. Version 1.5 divides appointment grouping into three kinds: private, public, and mail. Users can establish private schedules and groups for their personal correspondence and participate in public groups set up by the calendar administrator.

The Who/What menu lets you set up appointments and meetings for groups or other individuals. When you involve other network members, their calendars are updated with your proposed meeting. For example, if John can attend, he presses and confirms the meeting time; if John cannot, he can press Alt-F6 to decline participation. The person who set up the meeting will see a zero with a line through it by John's name when she next pulls up the meeting schedule.

You can also print out appointments and calendars so you know what you have to do that day or month. These printouts can take the place of a day planner-with them, you can see what meetings are planned, and you can add additions or subtract cancellations on paper. Or you can leave the calendar on-line, updating the appointments there.

Another important feature is resource scheduling. Resource scheduling lets you define resources like cars, overhead projectors, conference rooms, laptops, and so forth. Then you can print out a customized report for the resource and also create a printout for a door attachment so that users can schedule that resource.

Scheduled appointments and equipment can be either repeated and/or extended across monthly boundaries, which makes "every-Monday-of-the-month" meetings a lot easier to coordinate. Network Scheduler II also allows you to write notes to yourself and make personal to-do lists, which can be accompanied with audible alarms and lead time. Network Scheduler

II will run as a TSR, and there is also a Windows version of the product.

For calendaring and scheduling. Network Scheduler II is well thought out. We rate it good.

NETWORK SECURITY. Network Scheduler II matches users' login names to the authorized usr list in the program. If they don't match, those users won't gain access. Also, if the users have not been defined (authorized) in the application, they won't have access tot he program. You can also give users passwords, thus adding another level of security.

Each user can be assigned one of three levels of access to network calendaring information. This

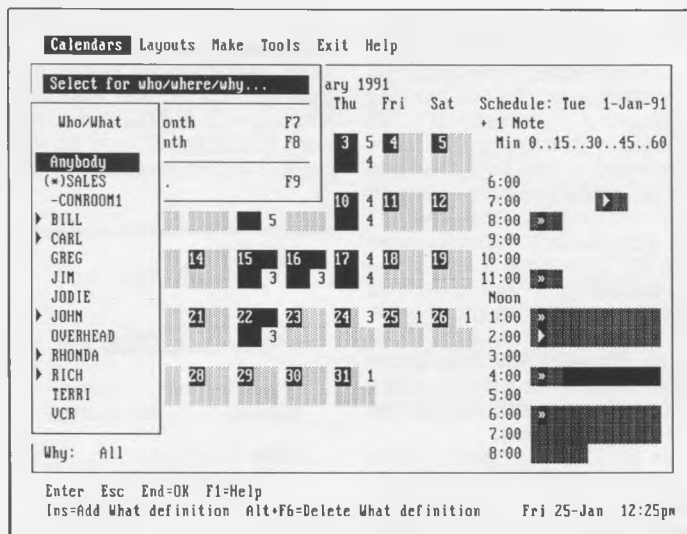NETWORK SCHEDULER II works with the popular LANs and many E-Mail applications.

Figure 1: NETWORK SCHEDULER II provides for the creation of private and public groups to make scheduling meetings easier.
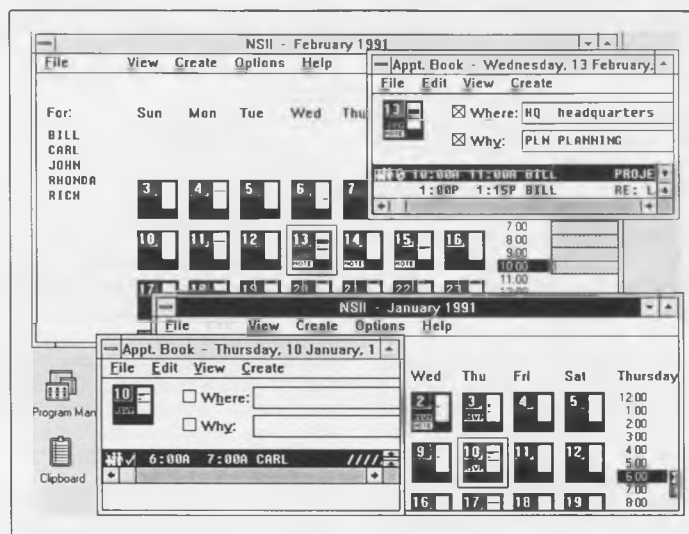
Figure 2: NETWORK SCHEDULER II's Windows Interface allows multiple calendars on your desktop.

way, some users can think of calendaring as a bulletin board, while others can be more controlled. Administrators can also set up access lists, which let someone make meetings and appointments for someone else.

Since Network Scheduler II runs on so many LAN platforms, it doesn't really go into any one LAN architecture. It does have excellent security, however, and it protects its data very well. So on the network side of the fence, we rate it satisfactory.

NETWORK INTEROPERABILITY.
As mentioned before, Network Scheduler II will run on a number of LANs that support DOS workstations. These include Netware 2.1 or later, 3Com 1.2 or later, PC LAN 1.2 or later, Starlan, Banyan Vines, and other MS-NET or Novell-compatible networks. Workstations must be IBM PC/XT/AT or compatibles, and PS/2 or compatibles, have at least 512KB of memory, and run DOS 3.1 or later.

The Windows version of the Network Scheduler II uses Windows 3.0. Windows 2.1x will run the standard DOS version of the product. Network Scheduler II will support IBM or Epson and compatible printers and HP LaserJet and compatible printers. For mail compatibility, Scheduler II has a cc:Mail version, a Message Handling System (MHS) version, and a Network Courier version.

Network Scheduler II does show good network awareness when it comes to updating screens when interacting with other users. For example, if you set up an appointment and you need another person to attend, you can include that person in the appointment schedule and his or her calendar will reflect the appointment-even if they are working in the Scheduler.

You will have to play around with applications when you run the Network Scheduler II TSR with them. Sometimes invoking the TSR will hang the other application when leaving Scheduler II and returning to a document. In spite of this shortcoming, we give Scheduler II a good rating for its interoperability.

NETWORK PERFORMANCE.
Network performance will greatly depend on how many users are in Scheduler II at a given time, and therefore how many people the database must update with an appointment or schedule request. We found that the product ran slower from the TSR than from a straight DOS session. Also, it may

take a little time to load the TSR, depending on the application with which Scheduler II needs to swap.

But according to Powercore, Network Scheduler II has been enhanced to handle many users (up to 1,000), and large installations will be pleasantly surprised by the product's performance. We tested Network Scheduler II on Netware 2.15 with a Thomas-Conrad Arcnet topology. Though it's a testing topology and not a large installation, the product ran well, and screen updates can as one would expect. We give performance a satisfactory rating.

NETWORK MANAGEABILITY.
For people used to Netware's C-Worthy Graphical User Interface (GUI), Network Scheduler II is a little different to use at first. Scheduler II is fully compliant to Common User Access (CUA) under IBM's Systems Application Architecture (SAA).

There were two things we didn't like about its manageability, however. In order to run Network Scheduler II as a TSR, you need to go into the Scheduler directory and type NSR . From the design standpoint, Powercore chose this implementation to allow access to the whole program through the 4KB TSR. While this minimizes your RAM requirements, from a user standpoint, it makes loading awkward since you can't load the TSR from a search drive. Also, you must go into Scheduler's directory if you want to create personal groups. Otherwise, you see a message telling you that it can't open the ST.RSC file.

For Netware users, it's a lot easier working from search drives than from the Scheduler's directory. Often, when someone goes directly into a search drive, the open overlay files prevent others from accessing the application. While that's not the case here, it is a bit confusing, and users who wish to create groups or invoke Scheduler II from the TSR will have to adjust.

Other than that, and depending on security, users will like the flexibility that Scheduler II offers. Like many new products, Network Scheduler II does take some getting used to, but users are supplied with a User's Guide to show them how to perform most tasks. For supervisors, Scheduler II can be as tight or as flexible as they make it. So for manageability, we rate it good.

INSTALLATION AND USE. Network Scheduler II is fairly easy to install , but it has some items you

need to be aware of. To install the Network Scheduler, you place the first diskette in a drive and type INSTALL. You are then asked for the drive letter and directory path, and the Scheduler installs itself.

Network Scheduler II nest sets up the calendar by making the installer the utility administrator, who then needs to press ALT+T,A, and S in main panel to set up additional authorized users. The name of the person who installs Network Scheduler II is automatically designated the program administrator. You really have no choice here either, for Network Scheduler II takes you out of the installation program if you don't choose that person as the administrator. (However, you can always change the designated administrator from within Scheduler II.)

Once the program is installed, Network Scheduler II asks if you want to set up trustee rights. The Scheduler includes the Parental (ALL) trustee right, so users can invoke and deny rights to others in the directory. This can be a real mess if you're not careful, and I would suggest you don't give users Parental rights here (Powercore agreed and will take out parental rights in the future).

As for ease of use, about the only complaint we had was that the text editor is functional but lacks many of the niceties of normal editors such as line wrap, blocking, and controlled movement through the text. And if you play around a bit, you will find the Notes editor to be better than the Comment editor, and that will help. On both accounts, Network Scheduler II is satisfactory.

DOCUMENTATION AND SUPPORT.
The Reference Guide is well written, though some parts could use a few more examples and working scenarios. And the manual needs an index! Few things are more disheartening than trying to learn a certain feature and not finding an index that helps you look it up.

In Powercore's defense, however, the Reference Guide is laid out according to the pull-down features you see on the top-left side of Scheduler II's Calendar screen. Network Scheduler II also comes with a User's Guide, which we found useful and easy to use (but again, no index).

For product support, those products bought 90 days from the upgrade date are upgraded for free. After that point, upgrades cost is nominal (about $50, which includes software and manuals).

Powercore will work with companies on site licenses, known as a "limited size," where the application is maintained and administrated from a single point of contact. Network Scheduler II comes with a 90-day warranty, and you can get free support for 90 days. Extended support for corporate users is available, and Powercore's 800 number works from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central time. Scheduler II is not copy protected.

The documentation could be rated excellent with a few more examples and an index. But as it is, we have to rate it satisfactory.

SUMMARY. It's hard to compare
Network Scheduler II against the likes of Higgins, Right Hand Man, Calander, and Wordperfect Office, principally because they do so much more than calendaring and scheduling. This makes Network Scheduler II seem featureless, which belies its strengths as a network calendar and resource scheduling product. Couple these strengths with a fast database engine enhanced to incorporate hundreds of users, a three-level security system, and E-Mail capabilities, and Network Scheduler II is quite powerful in its own right.

The price isn't bad either, a 5-user package begins at $195. Additional 20-user increases are $395 each. This means you can have 45 users running Network Scheduler II for under $1,000. Comparatively, Higgins and Right-Hand Man cost over $4,000 for 45 users, and Wordperfect Office is not far behind that price.

Make sure you get the product that meets your needs. For those purchasers looking for the end-all workgroup solution that also incorporates calendaring, Network Scheduler II may be too narrow a focus. But if you are looking for a good calendaring and scheduling program with E-Mail tie-ins, Network Scheduler II may be your product and deserves a good look.

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NETWORK SCHEDULER® II version 1.5
Product Overview

NETWORK SCHEDULER II is a multi-user calendar that operates in a variety of communications environments, enabling a group of users to make scheduling decisions quickly and automatically. NETWORK SCHEDULER II is an easy-to-use productivity tool for scheduling persons, work groups and key resources such as company equipment, classrooms and conference rooms.

NETWORK SCHEDULER II's earlier releases have established a strong market presence as the LAN scheduling product of choice. By the Spring of 1990, editors and technical writers of key journals began writing favorably about NETWORK SCHEDULER II as becoming a standard in network scheduling.

Today, NETWORK SCHEDULER II, with its IBM-standard CUA (Common User Access) interface, Windows 3.0 support, advanced security options and its enhanced printout features is the most sophisticated scheduler available for Novell, PC LAN, 3Com, Banyan and other MS-Net LANs. NETWORK SCHEDULER II may be operated or to create a wide-area network scheduling scheme using the telecommunication capability of industry standard E-Mail products such as cc:Mail, 3+Mail, The Network Courier and Message Handling Service (MHS) based E-Mail programs including Da Vinci eMAIL Systems and The Coordinator II.

Who Uses NETWORK SCHEDULER II?

NETWORK SCHEDULER II is for any organization or individual who would like to boost personal or group productivity through the use of an integrated software package to handle individual group and resource scheduling functions.

Many of NETWORK SCHEDULER II's users belong to Fortune 500, government agencies, higher education and small businesses. Legal, medical and financial professionals are some examples of small business users' who rely heavily on scheduling.

Users in large organizations require the ability to schedule large groups, executives, conferences and task forces. These companies use NETWORK SCHEDULER II's security options to establish the exact level of security their group calendars require, ranging from wide-open bulletin boards to complete privacy. Other resources that are heavily used such as automobiles, trucks, and meeting facilities can be easily managed and scheduled.

Many companies use NETWORK SCHEDULER II as a specialty application in conjunction with their existing LAN E-Mail schemes. This is where POWERCORE INC's development strategy provides customers a significant alternative to the all-in-one products such as WordPerfect Executive and Higgins. POWERCORE INC recognizes that many customers have already selected their E-Mail applications and now want scheduling to compliment it. NETWORK SCHEDULER II is the only product that provides this alternative to customers. When a customer considers an all-in-one product, they are faced with a decision to support a second mail service.

How Does It Work?

NETWORK SCHEDULER II provides a shared calendar for use by the group along with personal reminders for private events.

Any user may request a meeting by selecting the desired day and time period. NETWORK SCHEDULER II informs the user immediately if there are any individual conflicts with the proposed place and time -- this alleviates the need of the user requesting the meeting to research the individual calendars in advance.

Once the meeting time is selected, NETWORK SCHEDULER II broadcasts the new requests to each member of the group. The new appointment appears on their calendars, informing the users about the details of the meeting. The user now accepts or declines the request on an individual basis.

When used in conjunction with E-Mail packages, NETWORK SCHEDULER II is able to use this communications environment as a messaging link. Meeting notifications are sent and received via the existing E-Mail so users have the added advantages of learning about meetings within their accustomed E-Mail environment. NETWORK SCHEDULER II operates these notifications automatically.

Features

Easy to Use

Installing the software takes less than 30 minutes and in most cases, less than 15 minutes.

The software functions in NETWORK SCHEDULER II are highly intuitive, even a first-time user can create a meeting in several easy steps.

Print Your Appointments and Meetings

You can print appointments for the day, week or month to carry with you or share with others. You can print up to five lines of description for each appointment. A standard calendar can also be printed for a specific week or entire month. NETWORK SCHEDULER II's calendar and appointment book display the comprehensive information that busy executives require, yet the formats are concise and easy to use. The enhanced print features are available for HP Laserjets and Epson compatible dot matrix printers.

Maintain Tight Security

Access to NETWORK SCHEDULER II and the capability to view other users' calendars is highly flexible but strictly controlled. You have full access to view and modify any appointment that you originate or any meeting made by someone else which includes you. You can see the times other users have scheduled a meeting, but you are blocked from reading the descriptions and modifying them. If you want other users to view and modify your appointments, then the administrator must grant them access to your calendar through the security system.

Pop-up Scheduling On Demand

The optional hot-key scheduling feature offers immediate access to calendars and appointment books from within most strategic applications. Less than 4K of RAM lets users access full-featured scheduling. When you are ready to schedule, the hot-key quickly brings full-featured NSII to the foreground. There is no need to exit your application. Once you have completed your scheduling activities, press the hot-key to return to where you were in your application.

Personal Reminders and To-Dos

Make personal appointments outside of the shared calendar where only you have access to go. Manage these appointments with audio alarms and also maintain a list of To-Dos with the ability to prioritize and organize them.

Groups

NETWORK SCHEDULER II now supports three types of group logic; private, public and mail.

Repetitive Scheduling

NETWORK SCHEDULER II lets you schedule both personal and group events days, weeks or even months in advance without having to re-enter all the key information.

Network Independence

While NETWORK SCHEDULER II works with all popular LANs and with a variety of E-Mail applications, it is also capable of running in a stand alone mode.

Windows 3.0 Features

Multiple months may be accessed in a single step by means of the Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) support for many Windows applications.

Single Database for Both DOS and Windows 3.0

NETWORK SCHEDULER II is the calendaring package available today with support for both DOS and Windows environments. Each user on the system can access the same shared calendar database using the environment available to them.

Availability and Pricing

Contact POWERCORE INC. or an authorized reseller for more information about the product, pricing, availability or to obtain a free demonstration diskette, call NETWORK SCHEDULER II at 800 237 4754 or 815 468 3737.

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NETWORK SCHEDULER® II version 1.5 - Price List

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	PRICE
NETWORK SCHEDULER II Single User	$ 99.00
NETWORK SCHEDULER II LAN 5 User	$ 195.00
EXPANSION KIT ** LAN 20 User	$ 395.00
WINDOWS 3.0 INTERFACE Single User	$ 50.00
WINDOWS 3.0 INTERFACE LAN***	$ 595.00

NETWORK SCHEDULER II with E-Mail Support

NETWORK SCHEDULER II
    for cc:Mail
    LAN 5 User
	$ 395.00

NETWORK SCHEDULER II
    for MHS based E-Mail*
    LAN 5 User
	$ 395.00

NETWORK SCHEDULER II
    for The Network Courier
    LAN 5 User
	$ 395.00

NETWORK SCHEDULER II
    for MHS based E-Mail*
    Remote
	$ 150.00

NOTE:

*   Includes versions for: DaVinci eMAIL, Framework III, Notework, Post Master, Para Mail, and all other MHS based E-Mail applications.

**   Works with all versions NETWORK SCHEDULER II version 1.5 and above. Expansion kits are stackable.

***   Works with all versions NETWORK SCHEDULER II version 1.5 and above. One Windows 3.0 LAN Interface will support all users on the NETWORK SCHEDULER II server.

All products and prices are subject to change without notice. All prices are F.O.B. Manteno, IL, shipped UPS Ground Service unless another method is requested. For quantity orders, call for pricing. All prices quoted are in U.S. Dollars.

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A SHARED CALENDARING SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE IN CONTROL

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

	NETWORK SCHEDULER® II 1.5	HIGGINS 2.3	WORD PERFECT OFFICE 3.0	RIGHT HAND MAN 5.0
RAM Requirements	512K	384K	384K	52K
TSR Implementation (RAM Requirements)	4K*	N	49-168K	4K
Dynamic Groups Conflicts Displayed	Y	N	Y	N
Flexible Schedule (24 Hour Clock)	Y	N	N	N
Ascii Export Capability	Y	N	Y	Y
Flexible/Graphic Print Out Reports	Y	N	N	N
User Specific Security	Y	N	N	N
Unlimited Number of Appointments Per Day	Y	N	N	N
Wide Area Network Capability	Y1	Y2	N+	N+
Native/Directly Capability With				
cc:Mail	Y	Y+	Y+	Y+
Network Courier Mail	Y	N	N	N
MHS-based Mail	Y	Y+	Y+	Y+
3+Mail v1.22	Y	N	N	N
DaVinci eMAIL	Y	Y+	Y+	Y+
Meeting Times Displayed in Graph or Chart	Y	N	Y	N
Resources Scheduled Individually	Y	Y	Y	Y
Unlimited Number Of Calendars	Y	N	N	N
Notifications of Meetings by E-Mail and in Calendar	Y	N	Y	Y
Alarms	Y	N	N	Y
Notepad	Y	Y	Y	Y
To Do Lists	Y	N	Y	Y
Group Scheduling	Y	Y	Y	N
Recurring Group Scheduling	Y	Y	N	N
Network Aware (Pick Up Net Names)	Y	N	N	N
SAA Compliant	Y	N	N	N
User Interface				
DOS SAA/CUA	Y	N	N	N
Windows 3.0	Y	N	N	N
Recommended Software Support Charge	N	Y	N	N
5 User License	$195	$695	$495	$649
25 User License	$590	$2385	$2190	$2439
45 User License	$985	$4034	$3685	$4550

* NSII makes all E-Mails it supports a 4K TSR as well   +Only thru MHS gateway (non-native)

1 Thru all supported E-Mail systems   2 Only thru Higgins exchange 1 per net @ $695 each